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## NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

Transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application of:

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For:

Apparatus and Method for Sealing a Conduit

This new application is an original (nonprovisional) patent application.

Enclosed are: (a) Thirteen (13) pages of specification including one title page;

- (b) Three (3) pages of claims;
- (c) One (1) page of abstract;
- (d) Two (2) sheets of drawings;
- (e) Signed combined Declaration and Power of Attorney;
- (f) Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) PTO 1449 with copies of references cited;

- (g) Assertion of Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. 1.27(c)(1);
- (h) Assignment and assignment cover sheet and a check in the amount of \$40.00; and

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### ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.27(c)(1)

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Dear Sir:

Inventor (Jay E. Widman), and potential assignee (Houston Wire & Cable Company), assert that they are all small entities that qualify for small entity status under 13 C.F.R. 121, 37 C.F.R. 1.27(a)(1), and 37 C.F.R. 1.27(a)(2).

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